



August 30, 2006

(X) Action Required
Date Due: November 3, 2006

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT – TIME SENSITIVE

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
Chief School District Administrators
School District Business Managers

FROM: Edie Harding, Executive Director
State Board of Education

RE: Minimum Basic Education Program Requirement Compliance

It is time to complete the **Minimum Basic Education Compliance** FORM SPI 1497 for the 2006–07 school year. Reporting on this form gives assurance to the State Board of Education (SBE) that school districts are in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Basic Education Act, as well as related requirements determined by the SBE.

To conserve expenses, this memorandum and FORM SPI 1497 are posted on the SBE Web site at www.sbe.wa.gov and should be **downloaded**. School districts **ARE REQUIRED** to complete FORM SPI 1497 (one page) and mail one original copy with signatures of the superintendent and board chair, to the State Board of Education, Basic Education Assistance Section, by **November 3, 2006**. (See SBE address in the last paragraph of this memorandum.)

The following statutory requirements will continue to be reported to the SBE on FORM SPI 1497.

- **Total Instructional Hour Offering (RCW 28A.150.220/WAC 180-16-200)**
Kindergarten offering of 450 hours. Grades 1–12 offering of a district-wide annual average of 1,000 hours linked to the Essential Academic Learning Requirements and other district-determined subjects/activities (not tied to grade spans).
- **K–3/4–12 Students to Classroom Teacher Ratio (RCW 28A.150.250/WAC 180-16-210)**
The district ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades kindergarten through three is not greater than the ratio of students per classroom teacher in grades four and above.

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- **Minimum 180-Day School Year (RCW 28A.150.220(3)/WAC 180-16-215)**

The 180-day program is accessible to all legally eligible students, including students with disabilities, five years of age and under 21 years of age who have not completed high school graduation requirements.

Changes Due to Legislation

- **Out-of-Endorsement Teaching Assignment Reporting**

As a result of 2005 Legislation (ESSB 5732), a number of areas of statutory authority were transferred from the SBE to the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB). In the future, all out-of-endorsement teaching assignments will be collected by the PESB. For further information, contact Jennifer Wallace, Executive Director, at jwallace@ospi.wednet.edu or 360-725-6275.

- **30 Minutes Before and After School Waivers: New Authority of Local School Boards**

The 2006 Legislative Session passed E2SHB 3098. Sec. 902 of that bill refers to the 30 minutes before and after school time, formerly found in SBE WAC 180-44-050. The following amendment was effective as of June 7, 2006.

“NEW SECTION. Sec. 902. A new section is added to chapter 28A.405 RCW to read as follows:

“Each school district board of directors shall adopt a policy regarding the presence at their respective schools of teachers and other certificated personnel before the opening of school in the morning and after the closing of school in the afternoon or evening. The board of directors shall make the policy available to parents and the public through the school district report card and other means of communication.”

- **Annualized High School Credit Definition**

Section 402 of E2SHB 3098 transferred authority for temporary exemptions from the annualized high school credit (150 hours of planned instructional activity – a Carnegie Unit) to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). In the future, please submit all annual waiver petitions to Mickey Venn Lahmann, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, 360-725-6343 at mlahmann@ospi.wednet.edu.

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FORM SPI 1497 does not require back-up documentation. However, please be advised that you may need to provide such back-up documentation for auditing purposes.

Requests for further information or clarification of this entitlement application should be directed to Pat Eirish, State Board of Education, Basic Education Assistance, Room 253C, Old Capitol Building, P.O. Box 47206, Olympia, WA 98504-7206, (360) 725-6030 or TTY (360) 664-3631.

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